Native American Education Grant

2012-2013 **Guidelines for Applicants**

Eligibility

Student must:

- Have documented membership in a Native American or Alaska Native tribe
- Enroll as a full-time (first) degree-seeking undergraduate student at an accredited college or university in the United States
- Demonstrate a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Demonstrate Cost of Attendance with preference to students demonstrating Financial Need

All faith traditions are encouraged to apply with preference given to members of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations.

Range of Award

NAEG Up to $1,500
Supplemental Grant for PCUSA Members $1,000

Number of Awards

Up to 30 Undergraduates

Deadline for Application

Awarded on a Funds Available Basis

Revised: January 2011

Introduction

The Native American Education Grant was created for Native American and Alaska natives pursuing full-time post-secondary education attending a college or university in the U.S.A. We invite applications from students of all tribal backgrounds; however, 55% of the funds supporting this program are donor restricted to members of the following tribes: Hopi, Pima, Papago, Tohono O'odham, Navajo, Nez Perce, and Eskimo.

Up to 30 students will be selected for award.

Apply

Go to http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/financialaid/native-american-education-grant to download the application after April 1. The first part of the application consists of the biographical questionnaire, a question about the occupation you are preparing for, and is supplemented by a tribal ID or letter from your tribe to document your membership. **The second part of the application includes a financial information form and transcript. The items in Part II will be requested by email after the first part of your application is received.**

Renewal

Students who received the award in 2011-12, and remained enrolled for the academic year, will be provided with a renewal application by email. **You must respond by May 1, 2012 to be considered for award.** Eligible students will be enrolled full-time, maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and demonstrate need.

Selection

The Native American Education Grant will provide up to 30 grants for 2012-13. Students eligible for renewal will be considered for award first. New students will be considered on a funds available basis.

When the student has submitted an application and a copy of his/her tribal ID card, staff will request by email a Financial Information Form and transcript. Add pcusa.org as a safe domain in your email program to assure that our emails reach your inbox. **Please do not send transcripts until we request them by email.**

Students will be notified about NAEG selections by July 31 and if selected, will be awarded up to $1,500 based on remaining need. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) educational grants are disbursed directly to the college or university that submits the financial information form with instructions to use the funds for the student's educational expenses.

Disclaimer

Scholarship aid provided by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) may not be used for study abroad or internships. NAEG awards cannot be used to reduce institutional grants or scholarships, but may be used to reduce work/study or student loans.

Apply On-Line. Essay Accepted by Mail, Fax, or Email:

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Office of Financial Aid for Studies
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202-1396

P 800-728-7228 ext. 5224
F 502-569-8766

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